

Contractor Agency Description and Requirements Form

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Founded in 1982, Christian Family Care is a private, nonprofit, 501 © (3) social services agency that provides Adoption and Foster Care programs focused on meeting the needs of children and families in Arizona. CFC’s fundamental belief is that a nurturing family is vital to every child’s success. Hundreds of children that have come to CFC in crisis situations are now part of loving and caring families. Christian Family Care is licensed by the State of Arizona and accredited by the Council on Accreditation. Its offices in Phoenix, Tucson and Northern Arizona stand ready to serve you. For more information or telephone contact, find us on our website at www.cfcare.org. We are serving in Maricopa, Pinal, Pima, Cochise, Yavapai and Coconino counties.

Foster Care at CFC: In our foster care program we strongly support our foster families in the training and use of parenting interventions from a “trauma-informed” and “attachment-based” perspective. In addition, we are developing a “birth family” mentoring program to assist families of children in DCS care to successfully work their DCS Case Plan in order to be reunified with their children.

Name of Additional Requirement or Expectation	Is this Required? Yes or No	Reason
CFC Statement of Faith review Pastor’s Reference Statement of Involvement in Local Church	Yes	Families committed to a local church offer a stable social environment, rooted in a Biblical world-view
Annual medicals (versus every three years)	Yes	Per COA (Council on Accreditation) requirement (A National Accrediting Body)
CPR/First Aid training for every applicant (each adult in home)	Yes	Per COA (Council on Accreditation) requirement (A National Accrediting Body)
After licensure: Single care provider, if daycare is needed, for 12 months and younger – preference is Part-time or no daycare. Cannot be providing daycare services in the home.	Yes	OLR (Office of Licensing Regulation) requirement

Adoption at CFC: Certification, extensions and re-certifications for Christian families who are interested in state adoption. All CFC certified families are married more than two (2) years and receive their certification when their youngest child is at least nine (9) months of age. Families must be actively involved in a local church, able to receive a reference from their pastor and successfully complete three education classes beyond those required by the state of Arizona.

Families are provided the professional support of Master’s level Christian social workers who share their values and world view, wrap around services during transition and placement, support groups and life time access to outstanding parent education classes.

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Married man and woman	yes	As a bible based organization, married couples are the ideal for raising children
Length of Marriage 2+ years	yes	Couples married 2+ years are more stable and have often dealt with infertility issues
Certified when youngest child is 9+ months of age	yes	Spacing of biological children
Pastor’s reference	yes	Families committed to a local church offer a stable social environment rooted in a biblical world view and an additional circle of support
Additional education classes:		
<i>Parenting a Child with Behavioral Health Needs</i>	Yes	CFC makes every effort to facilitate a successful adoption
<i>Preventing Disruptions</i>	Yes	
<i>Adopting the DCS Child</i>	Yes	
Wrap-around Support	Yes	Every family receives 4-6 sessions of wrap support during transition and placement
Lifetime Education Opportunities	No	Every family may participate in free parenting courses at anytime